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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

-- This application is the US national phase of international application PCT/EP00/04675 filed May 23, 2000 which designated the U.S. --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

5. (Amended) The data storage medium as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the refractive index of the polymer film (11) can be changed locally by heating.